Minimum wage for workecs in unorganised sector

1412. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA:
THAKUR JAGATPAL SlNGH:
DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI:
SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the demand of the United Trade Union Congress for the fixation of Rs. 500/- as the national minimum wage for workers in the" unorganised "sector; and

(b) if not, what are the views of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI DHARMA VIR): (aT and (b) It is not considered feasible at"this stage to lay down any uniform national minimum wage for workers in the unorganised sector.

Unauthorised expansion of plant by Mjs. Burroughs Welcome (India) Pvt. Limited

1413. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: WUl the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Burroughs Welcome (India) Pvt. Ltd., a IOO per cent foreign owned drug unit, has effected substantial expansion of its plant without prior approval of Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a notice was served on them for violation of the provisions of the Industrial (Development & Regulation)] Act; and

(c) what has beeₙ the response of the company and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE); (a) to (c) M/s. Burroughs Welcome has been issued a prima *facie.* Show Cause Notice for contravening the provisions of Section 13(1) (d) of the Industries (Development & Regulation Act, 1951. The company has submitted a representation in reply to the Show Cause Notice and has also been given a hearing in **the** Ministry on 19th July, 1984. The company has been asked to submit further information in support of the arguments put forth by the company's representatives in the hearing.

Working in coal mines under CIL

1414. SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to refer to the Unstarred Question 1037 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th February, 1981 and state;

(a) whether Government are aware that a 'arge number of coal mines undeᵣ the CIL and its subsidiaries are still working ₐ*ll* the seven days in a week with the samₑ grouₚ of workers in gross violation of Mines Act, Section 28 and other Regulations;

(b) nameₛ of these mines which are thus violating section?, 28 during July, 1983 to July, 1984 and details thereof;

(c) what steps have been taken by the Directorate General of Mines Safety against the senior officers and details thereof, company-wise and colliery.wise and results of such actions;

(d) what are the results of prosecutions launched in 1981, 1982 and 1983 and details thereof company-wise and colliery-wise; and

(e) what other steps besides prosecutions Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI DHARMAVIR): (a) to (c) According to available information, no violation of section 28 of the Mines Act, 1952 has been detected after March, 1984. Violation of section 28 of the Mines Act was, however, detected in respect of the following mines of Coal India Ltd. during July, 1983 to March, 1984:

(i) *Eastern Coalfield Ltd.:*

Bejdih (24-10-83), Samla (12-1-84), Mahabir (16-1-84) and Jambad (23-11-83),

(ii) *Western Coalfields Ltd.-.*

Kurasia Opencast (14-2-84), Chirimiri Opencas.t (10-3-84), Sileware (30-11-83), South Jhagrakhand (€-12-83), Orient No. 1 (23-10-83, 13-11-83 and 27-11-83), Orient No. 2 (23-10-83), Orient No. 3 (23-10-83), Orient No. 4 (23-10-.83), Hingir Rampur (23-10-83), Hirakhand Bundiya (23-10-83) and Rajnagar Opencast (23-8-83).

(iii) *Central Coalfields Ltd.:*

Churi (14-11-83),Manki (14-11-83), Karanpura Dewarkhand (14-11-83) and Ara (26-11-83 and 31-1-84).

Four prosecution cases have been filed, in seven other cases prosecution has been approved and in the remaining show cause notices have been issued.

(d) The details of prosecution cases filed during 1982 are as under:—

(i) *Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.:*

Basantimata, Bastacolla, Khas Kusunda, South Govindpur, Barari, Pathardih, Amlabad, Maheshpur, Bansdeopur and Keoridih.

(ii) *Western Coalfields Ud.:*

Durgapur Rayatwari.

(iii) *Eastern Coalfields Ltd.;*

Dhandadih, Belbaid, Dularband, Patmohana, Mohanpur, Bahula, Ranipur, Chitra, Mouthdih, Shibpur Opencast, Badjna and Sunkerppre.

All the prosecution cases are pending in courts.

(e) The question of compliance with the provisions of section 28 ef the Mines Act was taken up with Coal India Ltd. They had issued instructions in 1984, totally banning the working of all mines without giving weekly day of rest to the workers and assured that there would be no further cause for complaint on this score.

Findings on tlie rehabilitation ot Bonded labour in States

1415. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether *it* is a fact that the programme evaluation organisation of the Planing Commission has recently conducted an evaluation study regarding rehabilitation of bonded labour in various States;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the studies in respect of each State;

(c) what action the Central Government are taking 0n these findings in respect o feach State; and

(d) what is the number of bonded labour at present in each State who are to be rehabilitated, the amount spent on rehabilitation programme in each State during the last three years year-wise and the amount proposed to be spent on the programme in each State during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI DHARMAVIR): (a) The Programme Evaluation Organisation of the Planning Commission had conducted an evaluation study regarding rehabilitation of bonded labourers in various